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# SACRIFICIUM

In this dark cell  
In this moment of life and death  
On bloody fields of war  
In a forsaken desert  
Or an empty street  
In a family's home  
Every place where love, hate, greed, belief  
Let men look into the barrel of a gun

You can take my life  
But my vision lives on eternally

This is my legacy, now I will be forever  
I am one with my fate, now I will see destiny  
I give all of myself for all I love in this world  
It will be my last wish, my ultimate Sacrifice

I give all for you

I see the white light so close  
Today, there I'll be going  
There are no questions no more  
There's only knowing

My last hour, I have nothing to regret  
Nothing left that I could give to you  
I have gone, taken everything with me  
Everything that I could hide from the pain  
That takes away my body

Hold my hand wherever you are  
My end now is just a new life for you all  
This is my promise, my sacrifice

My life was once just like yours  
But then it happened  
All has changed in a minute, like a shot  
All the world, it was nothing like before  
I have run through the chaos in mind  
All my life, but I never knew  
What's lying deep inside of us all

How hard they ever will hit my face  
Or even break every bone  
No matter how long it takes for me  
I will not fail

How far I have to go for my hope  
Or have to step into fire  
No one can anymore hold me from  
Falling down now

My heart is beating on and on  
It feels like falling down now

Hold my hand wherever you are now  
Please hold my hand, keep me from falling down

My old life seems like centuries ago  
I remember scenes from my childhood  
Playing Robin Hood and Braveheart  
But how do we know what we do  
When the story is about us  
Now I know

I will live on, my will lives on  
Here I stand finally  
With my life in my hands  
Let the sword fall down

Farewell to you all stars above  
Goodbye to all the ones that I have loved  
I miss you so much, but it's ok  
I'll sleep well cause somewhere you are save  
This I know when I take my last breath



# NIGHTFALL

Here it comes, the story of mankind's final glory  
Into the nightfall  
The showdown now has come, this will be the last curtain  
Before the Night falls

In a desert burning children's faces turning  
Into another enemy in war  
Icy winds are blowing over bodies piling high  
There's no place left for more

Oh save me from sharing this hell  
Oh save me from my blame

We are worshipping the gods  
That keep twisting our thoughts  
Everyday a new sensation  
While a million creatures  
See their soil turning to dust  
Hrimata Etelsen

Forever and ever  
You hear them crying  
Forever and ever  
This world is dying  
We had time enough to understand

We are rising higher, closer to the fire  
Let the final dance begin

Dianne van Giersbergen  
Vocals

# DREAMKEEPER

I've been dreaming all these years  
I've been sleeping for so long  
In a diamond sky of lonely worlds  
All your eyes stare up at me  
As if I was wide awake  
And I only can live my own curse

I will keep your dream, make it live for real  
Only just for a moment

I will send a dying rose  
For you all to be close  
To its scent that has never been  
All the colours to unfold  
All the magic we behold  
In the life we share in fantasy

I will keep your dream, make it live for real  
Only just for a moment  
Say these words again, don't leave me alone  
When my own dreams have finally died

Keep my dream now, I keep yours forever  
Save my hope now, I save yours forever  
Hold me, help me, carry me upon your wings  
To save my soul with your love



# STARDUST

This is my last transmission, my final salutation  
I count down to ignition, one last time I'm rising  
The stars are all I think of, for me it's never enough  
Their cold bliss is my resource to find myself

I'm yearning, I'm longing, I'm waiting to go

Back to where the skies will ever take me  
Down here in this prison I'll be breaking  
Far from here there is a place where I belong  
I go home

This great black nothing calls me  
An echo of the voices from where I have been traveling  
In exile I'm living  
Infinite silence waiting for me with all its answers  
A lightless mirror blazing oh with truth so pure

Oh if you could see how  
How small everything seems from here  
So trivial, so shallow  
The meaningless drama so precious on earth  
Seen from the timeless stardust:

I'm flying, I'm drifting, I'm dying so please let me go back...

Now I'll be returning home  
To the stars eternally

# THE UNDISCOVERED LAND

I was born on a snowy winter's day  
In a cradle of ice so cold  
I was taken away when I was just a child  
By the sign of the serpent gold



Marco Heubaum  
GUITAR

To the sun, to the oceans  
To a land I have never discovered

Now my hands have been chained to the wheel for so long  
I have seen all my fellows drown  
But I cannot forget what they have done to me  
I am breaking my cage and run

To the sun, to the oceans  
To a land I have never discovered  
There I will go, there is my hope  
To find some peace someday

The moon is rising higher  
We use the dark of the night  
Invade the secret tower  
Get out of sight

She is the queen of nowhere  
She'll be the first and the last  
To reach beyond my burden  
Oh our candle burns so fast

You have taken my father  
And you have taken my mother  
You have poisoned the souls of the weak  
But you are damned to die by the hands of your own seed

Years they pass by while my search goes on  
For the ghost of the one that I loved  
For I've lost my love in the rage of my revenge  
So this journey will never end

To the sun, to the oceans  
To a land I have never discovered  
There I will go, there is my hope  
To the seas, to the mountains  
To the meadows I will never leave again  
There I lay down, there is my crown  
And love always



# BETRAYER

This is goodbye

Once, before ancient times, a circle of knights  
Were sworn to the queen of magic arts  
An oath to usher her daughter to where  
She'd just tear them all apart

Betrayer, promise breaker, beautiful liar  
In your innocent blue-eyed blindness  
Selfish princess, go be unbound  
But you'll burn your wings and hit the ground

See her beauty so pure  
She seems like the cure  
To all been deluded by her light  
But behind her spell  
We know her so well  
She spoils all for what we fight

Princess:

"I only want to go where the wind leads me  
And just pick the sweet fruits wherever I go  
So see me now, as I am going to spread my wings!"

Knights:

"But it was us who gathered the feathers for you  
It was our promise and you gave yours!  
Remember: Your deeds make you what you are, not your intentions!"

Don't dare to think we're the ones to be blamed  
Just to feel better in your own betrayal

We have gone through hell's fire  
Our fate in our hands  
We all claimed this story will not end  
When we heard you say  
You could have hit us even harder

Go to burn your wings and hit the ground  
Go to hell!

# UNTIL THE END

Sometimes I'm holding my breath and keep still  
When all the world's closing in for the kill  
I try to embrace all the treasures I have  
At times, though, I think I'm losing my faith

All I have forsaken while the time is flying  
I am watching all my lives passing by  
And I'll...

Run this road till the end  
While the world is turning around me  
I don't know where I will land  
Bound to the unforeseen

I see the starting points fading behind me  
All of the races have always been waiting

All I longed for is gone, all the children unborn  
I can only let them live in my songs  
So I...

Where is the moment that I should caress  
When it's only yet to come  
Nothing is waiting for me  
Nothing

Run this road till the end  
While the world keeps turning around me  
I don't know when it's all over and gone  
So please let me have just one more chance



## COME WITH ME

I belong to a world of twilight and regret  
Sing my song to the ones who never hear it  
The spell is cast; time is frozen for eternity  
I know it lasts only till the sun is rising

Sinful is my heart, my darling  
Let me share with you

Come with me to a place far away  
Come enter the world in the shadows

All my scars are painted with the blood that I once have spilled  
My old heart had to see it all to win my freedom

Sinful is my soul, my darling  
Let me share with you

Come with me to a place far away  
Come enter the world in the shadows  
See through my eyes and feel what I feel  
Come take my hand and just dare to believe

Come with me to a place far away  
Come enter my world



## LITTLE RED RELISH

Somewhere upon a normal day on an ancient forest way  
He revealed himself to me and commands

"Abandon your believe, I will request no more of thee,  
cast away your faith and follow me down  
Take off the maiden like dress, your skin suits you best  
Be gone with your demure air"

Hide or beseech, am I the relish in this written story  
Nowhere to redeem, nowhere to run, the tale casts me into his arms,  
Into this sinful pleasure to which I now yield  
Free me from my ordeal

In the morning I awoke, I recalled the words he spoke  
And could not withstand his final courtship  
Lead me deep into your woods, I'm your "little riding hood"  
Hear me plead and guide me to your wolf's lair

Off with this maiden like dress, my skin suits me best,  
Dive into the crimson mare

Oh deep in his wake, I lay down to be reborn and cradled  
Let me die to only reveal the secrets of my core

Hide or beseech, am I the relish in this written story  
Nowhere to redeem, nowhere to run, the tale casts me into his arms,  
Into this sinful pleasure to which I now yield  
Release me, free me from this ordeal

Philip Restemeier  
Guitar





Gerit Iamm  
Drums

## OUR NEVERWORLD

I know that you feel like being a stranger  
A yearning heart, a soul that has survived this darkness  
A soul like mine, endlessly craving for more  
Somewhere in a dream

We are one in our Neverworld  
We are gone, say farewell to you all

Looking at you I can see beyond this prison  
That locks you in, hiding your true incarnation  
A radiant shine, a warmth that I have never  
Felt like this before - and want to feel forever

We are one in our Neverworld  
We are gone, say farewell to you all  
The closer we are coming now the more it's getting real  
Real for you and me

Together we can take a piece of never  
Bring it back with us  
And make this world our home

It's all there in the beauty of your heart



# TEMPLE OF HATE

Every day I am facing a new way of chasing  
The dreams I am losing in constant defense  
The world keeps on turning, the beds are still burning  
In foolish unconsciousness and self pretense

Take it away, take it away, free me  
Take it from me, take it from me now!  
Falling astray, falling astray faster  
Only to see how...

Deep in the shadows it's hiding for me  
Down there the demon is rising  
Coming to carry my soul down with him  
Down into the temple of hate

All the ways that are leading into hell's open ceiling  
Are carrying names so familiar to me  
It's so hard to stay who I am when your knives  
Rip my heart out and hit me again and again

Oh, please help me - Oh, let me be

Take it away, take it away, free me  
Take it from me, take it from me now!  
Falling astray, falling astray faster  
But I will keep it under the surface of my smiling face  
No one can see what's behind this mask for the world  
I am wearing all time so I can survive  
Because...

Deep in the shadows it's hiding for me  
Down there the demon is rising  
Coming to carry my soul down with him  
Down into the blackness of the temple of hate



# SWEET ATONEMENT

Speak to me one last time, smile at me once more,  
I cannot bear this distance, our memories galore  
In lucid dreams I'm dancing, my cries echo unheard  
Your soul now deaf to my every bitter word  
My muted love, may you rest forever  
Cradled to the sounds of this lullaby:

In our sweet atonement we slumber secretly  
We'll never comprehend that we never should have been  
Oh this true love story is buried in memories

Let me crawl inside you to open your weary eyes,  
Heal the wound that broke you, recover all goodbyes  
My muted love, when were we raided?  
Who dare leave us, jaded and torn

In our sweet atonement we slumber secretly  
We'll never comprehend that we never should have been  
Oh this true love story is buried in memories  
And my voice was silenced the moment we started to dream...

Steven Wussow  
BASS



# THE WATCHER

Hate - Greed - Worlds turn to ashes  
War - Creed - No sign from heaven  
Burn - Bleed - All just for nothing

For centuries I've wandered here  
Across the ashes of mankind  
The blood been spilled, the hopes deceived  
There is no water turned to wine  
A golden age, a woven maze  
Of stolen strings and fake bliss

Keep on bleeding, self-deceiving  
All or nothing, make-believing  
That the winner will always be you

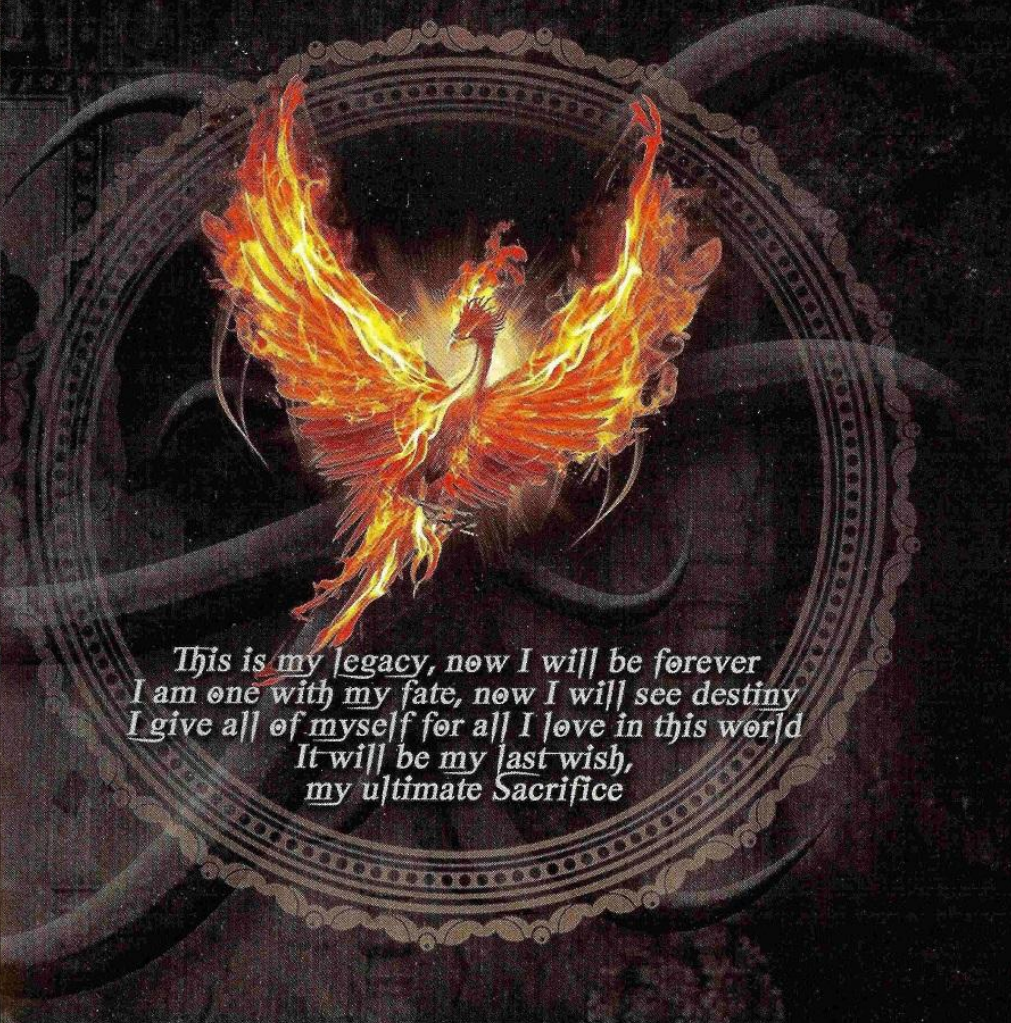
See the clouds in the sky still burning  
Watch me counting the days in the rain  
White eiderdown falls to the ground  
Covers all that has been with death

So long ago a flower rose  
Revealed its beauty and its thorns  
We've covered these once golden roads  
With blood of our children

Look and see what it could have been  
But this all was just a dream  
Just a dream of our foolish minds  
So...

See the clouds in the sky still burning  
Watch me counting the days in the rain  
The nightfall has come so early  
Wiping all of our visions away  
White eiderdown falls to the ground  
Covers all that has been with death

Wake up  
See what you're becoming  
See what we're becoming



This is my legacy, now I will be forever  
I am one with my fate, now I will see destiny  
I give all of myself for all I love in this world  
It will be my last wish,  
my ultimate Sacrifice